

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5128

Disapproving of any formal agreement emerging from the “Declaration of Principles for a Long-Term Relationship of Cooperation and Friendship Between the Republic of Iraq and the United States of America” unless the agreement is approved through an Act of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2008

Ms. LEE (for herself, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. HINCHEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Iraq Study Group Report recommends:
2 “The President should state that the United States
3 does not seek permanent military bases in Iraq. If
4 the Iraqi Government were to request a temporary
5 base or bases, then the United States Government
6 could consider that request as it would in the case
7 of any other government.”.

8 (2) The House of Representatives has passed
9 10 separate bills prohibiting or expressing opposition
10 to the establishment of permanent military bases in
11 Iraq including five of which Congress has approved
12 on a strong bipartisan basis and the President has
13 signed into law: Public Law 109–289, Public Law
14 109–364, Public Law 110–28, Public Law 110–116,
15 and Public Law 110–161. Nevertheless, the Presi-
16 dent has failed to faithfully execute and enforce
17 these statutes, as he has taken an oath to fulfill.

18 (3) The perception that the United States in-
19 tends to permanently maintain tens of thousands of
20 U.S. troops in Iraq, following the invasion ordered
21 by President Bush in March 2003 and the subse-
22 quent prolonged military occupation of Iraq, aids in-
23 surgent groups and the al-Qaeda terrorist network
24 in recruiting supporters and fuels violent activity.

1 (4) Without any congressional consultation or
2 input, President Bush signed a “Declaration of
3 Principles for a Long-Term Relationship of Coopera-
4 tion and Friendship Between the Republic of Iraq
5 and the United States of America” on November 26,
6 2007.

7 (5) The “Declaration of Principles” outlines the
8 multi-faceted shape of the long-term bilateal rela-
9 tionship between the Governments of the United
10 States and Iraq, including anticipated enduring mili-
11 tary roles for the U.S. Armed Forces.

12 **SEC. 2. DISAPPROVAL OF AGREEMENT EMERGING FROM**
13 **DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.**

14 Any formal agreement emerging from the “Declara-
15 tion of Principles for a Long-Term Relationship of Co-
16 operation and Friendship Between the Republic of Iraq
17 and the United States of America” shall not have the ef-
18 fect of force of law unless the agreement is approved by
19 an Act of Congress enacted after the date of enactment
20 of this Act.

21 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22 It is the sense of Congress that any formal agreement
23 emerging from the “Declaration of Principles for a Long-
24 Term Relationship of Cooperation and Friendship Be-

1 tween the Republic of Iraq and the United States of Amer-
2 ica” must be approved by an act of the Iraqi legislature.

3 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION OF USE OF FUNDS.**

4 No funds appropriated or otherwise made available
5 to the Department of Defense or any other department
6 or agency of the United States may be used to enforce
7 or implement any formal agreement emerging from the
8 “Declaration of Principles for a Long-Term Relationship
9 of Cooperation and Friendship Between the Republic of
10 Iraq and the United States of America” unless the agree-
11 ment is approved through an Act of Congress.

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